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SUBJECT DEUTSCH CASE DEVELOPMENTS

1. MRS DEUTSCH INFORMED EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 1, THAT ALEJANDRO AND LILIANA DEUTSCH WERE PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF FEDERAL COURT NO. 2 IN CORDOBA ON NOVEMBER 22, 1977.

2. MRS. DEUTSCH HAS MET WITH COMISARIO WALTER J. A. REZZA, CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE IN CORDOBA WHO, ON BASIS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER, PROMISED TO PROCEED QUICKLY WITH THE CASE.

3. MR. REZZA STATED THAT FREEDOM ON BAIL WAS POSSIBLE ON THE CHARGES THAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND IF THERE WERE NO COMPLICATING FACTORS, THE DEUTSCH'S MIGHT BE FREE ON BAIL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 28, EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER MET WITH COMISARIO REZZA IN CORDOBA. REZZA EXAMINED FEDERAL POLICE FILE ON DEUTSCH FAMILY AND STATED THAT FILE REFLECTED THAT LILIANA DEUTSCH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN "AGITATION" WHILE A STUDENT. SECURITY OFFICER EXPRESSED STRONG USG INTEREST IN THE CASE AND REZZA PROMISED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS HE COULD.
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5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IMMIGRATION VISA APPLICATIONS FROM ENTIRE DEUTSCH FAMILY AND FUTURE SON IN LAW GRANERO.

6. EMBASSY IS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARGES AGAINST ALEJANDRO AND LILIANA DEUTSCH. PREVIOUSLY WE WERE TOLD THAT MR. DEUTSCH WAS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR AIDING IN

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THE FLIGHT OF A SUBVERSIVE (HIS SON, DANIEL) AND THAT LILIANA DEUTSCH WAS BEING SCRUTINIZED FOR ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION WITH SUBVERSIVES.

7. FOWG HEAD ARLIA TOLD EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 18, THAT CHARGES AGAINST ALEJANDRO WERE WEAK AND FONMIN EXPECTED HIS PROMPT RELEASE, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT BE PLACED TEMPORARILY UNDER PEN. (THIS, OF COURSE, DID NOT HAPPEN.)

8. ARLIA STATED THAT THIRD CORPS HAD REPORTED TO FONMIN THAT THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES AGAINST LILIANA DEUTSCH. SPECIFIC DATES, ACTIONS, AND LINKS WITH PARTIDO COMMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (PCR) SUBVERSIVES WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO COURT. EMBASSY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT CLOSE TO 20 PCR MEMBERS WERE PICKED UP IN CORDOBA AT ABOUT THE TIME OF LILIANA'S ARREST. THE GROUP REPORTEDLY WAS INTERROGATED UNDER VERY HARD CONDITIONS, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT TESTIMONY AGAINST LILIANA WAS DEVELOPED AT THAT TIME.

9. DURING NOVEMBER 18 CONVERSATION MFA'S ARLIA SAID THAT GOA WAS PREPARING TO REQUEST EXTRADITION OF DANIEL DEUTSCH, WHOM ARLIA DESCRIBED AS A "PCR ACTIVIST". HE SAID THAT HE HAD REVIEWED US-ARGENTINE EXTRADITION TREATY AND EITHER STATE COULD REQUEST EXTRADITION FOR ANY CRIME, EVEN "STEALING A BOX OF MATCHES". IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE THIS CONVERSATION HOWEVER NO FONMIN OFFICIAL HAS AGAIN
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MENTIONED DANIEL'S EXTRADITION.
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